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NSC BRIEFING

20 May 1954

THE TACHENS

I. On 15 and 16 May 3,000 Chinese Communist troops landed on three islands within 50 miles of Tachens.

A. Similar landings have been made during spring and summer of years past, but this year naval and air activity by both sides.

B. Communist force included 20 ships and four MIG-15's giving air cover.

II. May presage attack on Tachens, important Nationalist [redacted] [redacted] defensive outpost.

A. [redacted]

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B.



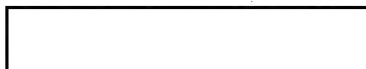
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- C. Nationalist reaction conflicting,
Some officials see no threat
while Geneva conference con-
tinues; others believe assault
imminent.

III. Nationalist defenses on Tachens.

- A. One of best divisions plus .
about 5,000 guerrillas.

- B. State of readiness considered
excellent,



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- C. Reinforcements being sent.
D. Would take concerted attack by
three Communists divisions to
take Tachens.

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